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Please cancel claims 38 and 39, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 40 as follows, solely to place the claim in independent form, without any change in the scope thereof:

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--40. (Amended) A radio frequency data collection network comprising:

- a plurality of roaming data collection terminals;
- a plurality of base stations that transmit information packets periodically at each of defined intervals;
- the plurality of roaming data collection terminals and the plurality of base stations each having wireless transceivers; and
- each of said roaming data collection terminals selectively deactivates its wireless transceiver for a consecutive plurality of the defined intervals, and then activates its wireless transceiver to allow receiving the information packets;

wherein each of said roaming data collection terminals attempts to synchronize activation of its wireless transceiver to receive information packets transmitted by at least one of the plurality of base stations; and

wherein the information packets transmitted by the plurality of base stations comprise pending message indications. --